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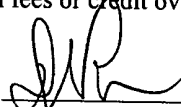
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2003. Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections are requested.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, lines 26-31 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The mount frame 20 may be disposed so that the battery modules 10 are placed in a vertical direction (i.e., the electrode plates of the battery modules 10 are placed in a vertical direction). Alternatively, the mount frame 20 may be disposed so that the battery modules 10 are placed in a horizontal direction (i.e., the electrode plates of the battery modules 10 are placed in a horizontal direction). --

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